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Foreword

This book, "Remember When: A Pictorial Review of DeKalb County," was undertaken as a special project of the Evening Star. We hope you enjoy it.

We had two important purposes in mind when we compiled this book. We wanted to give area residents an opportunity to share with others in the community old photographs of their families, and the places of importance in their families' lives. We also wanted to preserve old photos that might otherwise be forever lost or destroyed. Many of the photographs in this book have never been published before.

When we announced this project in 1997, and asked DeKalb County residents to loan us their treasured photographs for inclusion in this book, we weren't sure what kind of response to expect. We needn't have worried. The 250 photographs in this book were selected from nearly 600 submitted. We are extremely grateful to everyone who brought in pictures. Our only regret is that we were not able to include all the submitted items due to space limitations and in some cases poor picture quality.

We do have a couple disclaimers.

First, this book is not intended to be a thorough and comprehensive history of DeKalb County based on facts and dates and events. Rather, it is intended to help define the character of this place and the personality of its people based on some of the images recorded over its first 160 plus years.

And second, the captions accompanying these photos were written based on information supplied with the pictures. Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of the information, but we know there may have been some errors made and we apologize in advance for any that may have slipped through.

Again, we are most grateful to the many people who supported this project by submitting photographs. Special thanks also go out to Sherri Amundson, Sue Carpenter and Jennifer Blotkamp of our staff, who all worked hard to make this project a success. We are also grateful to the advertisers, whose support of this project helped make it available to you at a reasonable price.

While "Remember When: A Pictorial Review of DeKalb County" may not be a comprehensive history of our county, it is our best representation through pictures of what this area once was. We hope the images of our past resonate with those who will become our future.

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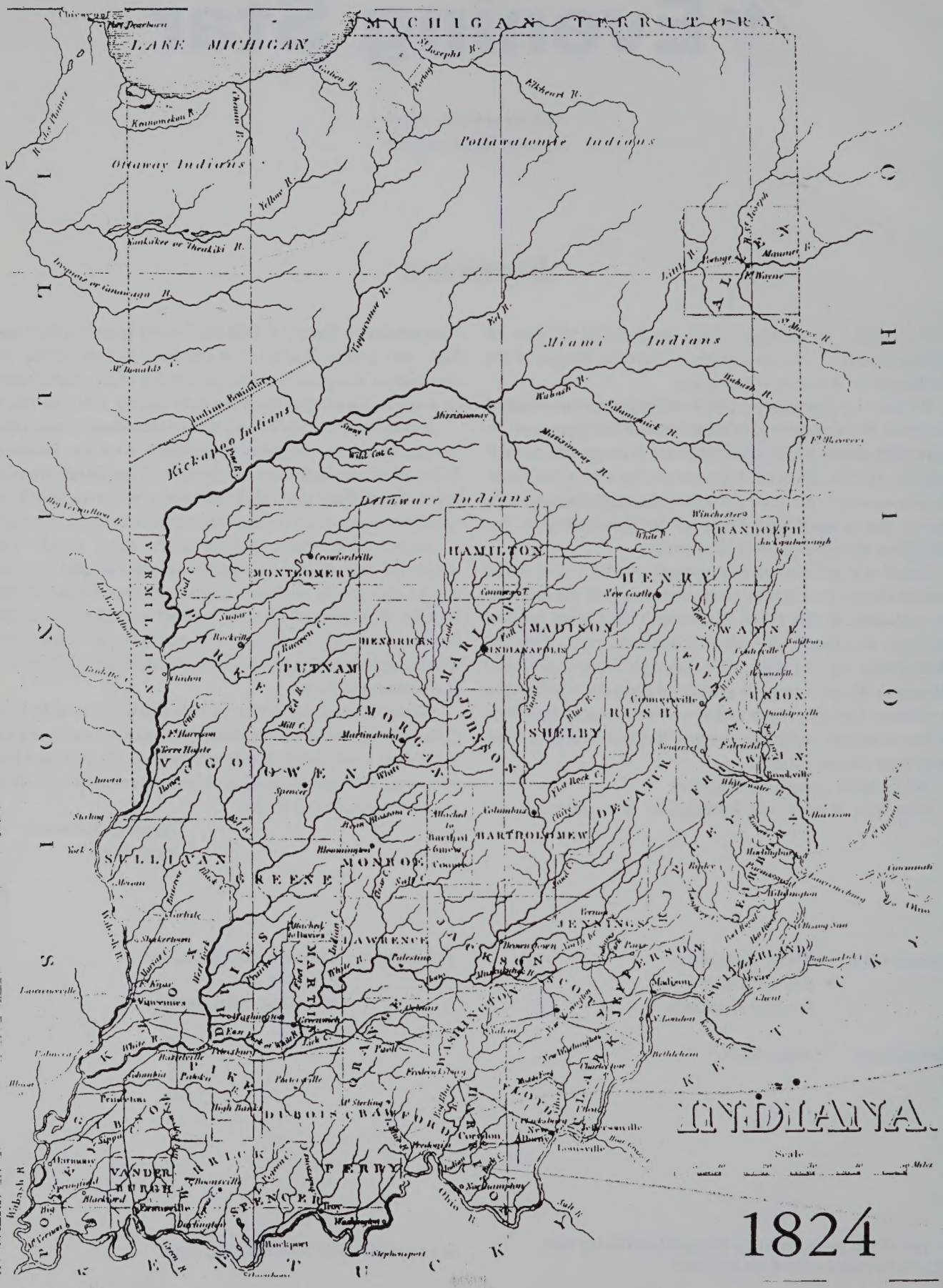
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Interesting Facts About DeKalb County

The Legislature Act passed in the winter of 1836-37 organized DeKalb County. The county was named DeKalb in honor of Baron DeKalb, a German noble who came to this country to help the colonists in the Revolutionary War. He helped General Washington train the American Army. He died at the battle of Camden, South Carolina, August 6, 1780.

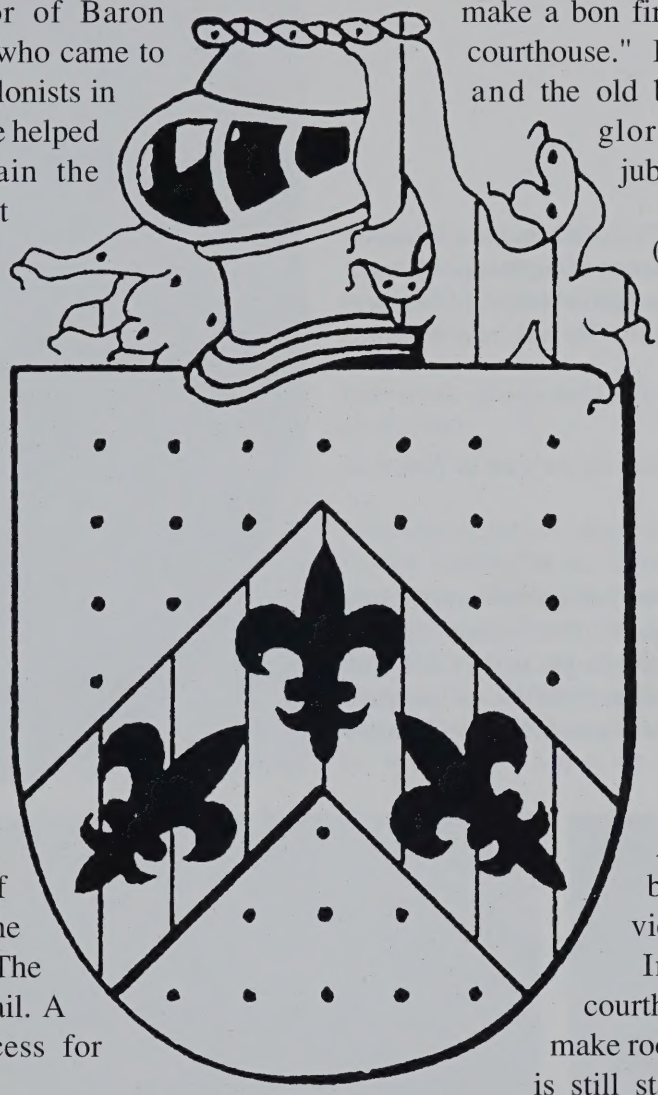
The length of the county from east to west is 20 1/2 miles and from north to south 18 miles.

When DeKalb County was organized it had a population of 1000.

The competition of the location of the county seat resulted in the selection of Auburn. This site was selected by Wesley Park.

The first court in Auburn was held in the spring of 1838 in the lower room of the house of Wesley Park. The upper room was used as a jail. A ladder was the only access for prisoners to exit.

During the first courts, it was normal to see the judge wearing a hunting shirt and a fox skin cap.



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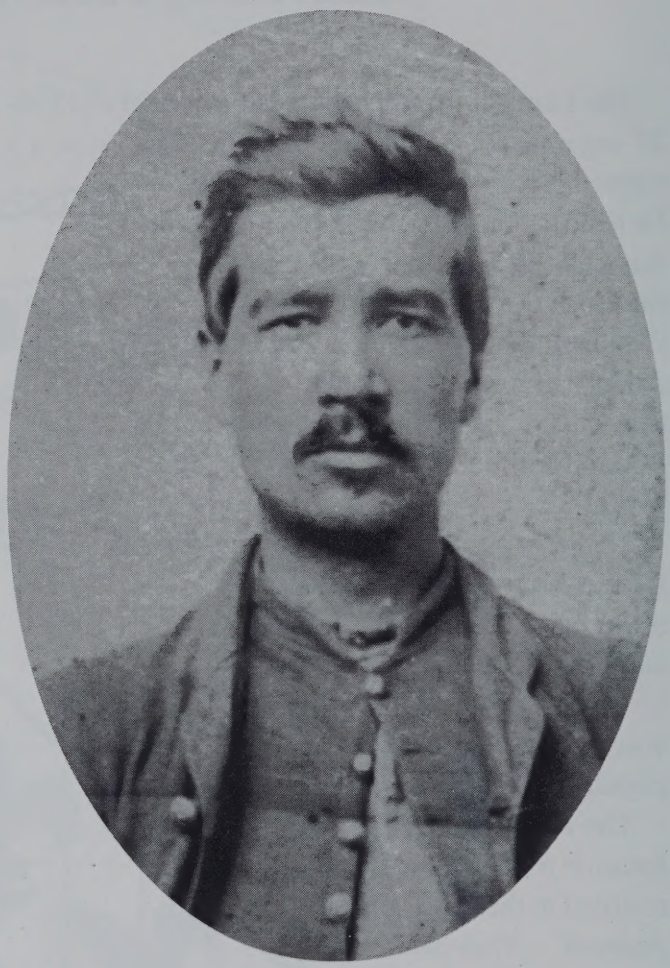
The first courthouse opened April 29, 1844. The building was 30 square feet. The front was supported by 4 pillars 15 inches in diameter with two doors and four feet was left for stairs.

In September of 1864 the first courthouse was sold for $25 to Daniel Altenburg, Sr. When news came from Richmond, that the capital of the Confederacy had been captured by Union forces during the Civil War, a crowd had formed to make a celebration. Mr. Altenburg said, "If you want to make a bon fire, you may burn the old courthouse." He was taken at his word and the old building was found in a glorious blaze during the jubilee.

The new courthouse (DeKalb C. second) was finished in December 1864. The cost to build the new building was $44,643. Each office had fire-proof iron door vaults. The west front was an octagonal tower where a bell weighing 600 pounds hung. The bell was cast at the Buckeye Bell Foundry in Cincinnati. It was brought by rail to Waterloo and then by team to Auburn. A spiral staircase led to a balcony where a birds-eye view of the town was found.

In May, 1911, the courthouse was demolished to make room for the courthouse that is still standing today. The new building was completed at an actual cost of nearly $350,000. The stone used in the construction is Bedford oolitic limestone. The marble used in the interior is Vermont marble of number one quality. Granite floors, composed of cement and marble chips are laid in the lobbies. Electric light, gas, water, and the latest vacuum cleaning apparatus were installed. Bathrooms are located on each floor and washstands are in each of the 46 rooms in the building.



1st Lt. Walter E. Boley, Co. A 88th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was killed in action at the Battle of Resaca, GA, part of the Atlanta Campaign in Sherman's March to the Sea on May 15, 1864. He was from Waterloo.

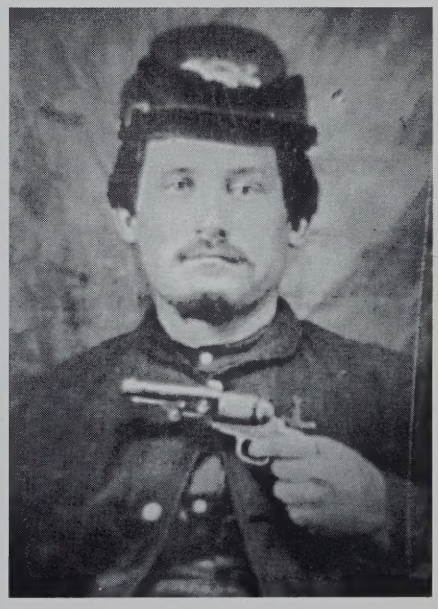
Below right: Soldiers waiting for the train in Waterloo.

John McConnell, Company A 100th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and Henry P. McConnell, Company F. 129th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. They were brothers who fought in the Civil War. John was from Auburn and died in 1864. Henry was from Corunna and died in 1865. They are buried in Sixteen Cemetery in Corunna.

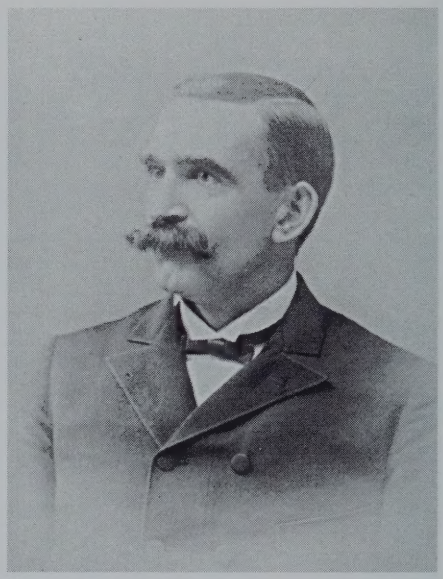
Manius Buchanon, Captain, Company F 118th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was the DeKalb County Surveyor from 1860-62. He was from Corunna.

Below left: Mason and DePew families with their home about 1860.

John Mason, son of Abram Mason and grandson of Samuel DePew. Enlisted in the 129th Indiana Volunteers. Reaching the front in Atlanta, John was a color bearer, rushed the flag to the enemy and was killed. Grandfather DePew saw him fall dead and said he did an unnecessary and foolhardly thing. Grandmother DePew tearfully told of the last time she saw him jump the railfence, turned and waved, then disappeared in the woods on his way to the front. Circa 1863.

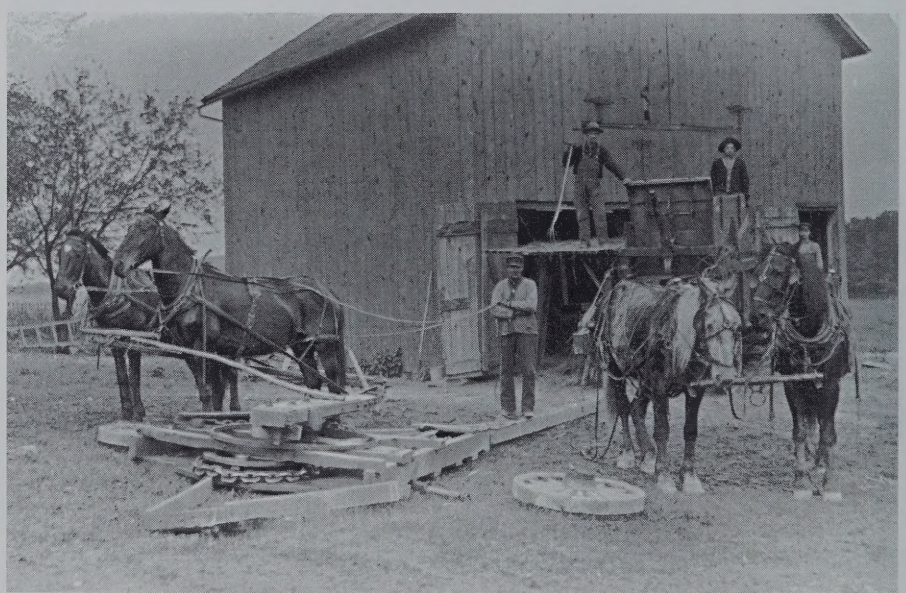


Harriet Culbertson, wife of Hugh. She was the daughter of James Dragoo, pioneer settler of DeKalb Co. coming from Hayesville, Ohio in 1837.



Far right: Hugh R. Culbertson, owner of Culbertson Hardware on north side of the public square in Auburn. Also the Mayor of Auburn in 1910. Member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

August Kinsey on the corner of Main and Pearl Street in Spencerville. This was where you could find a furniture store and coffin rooms. Between 1870 and 1884.



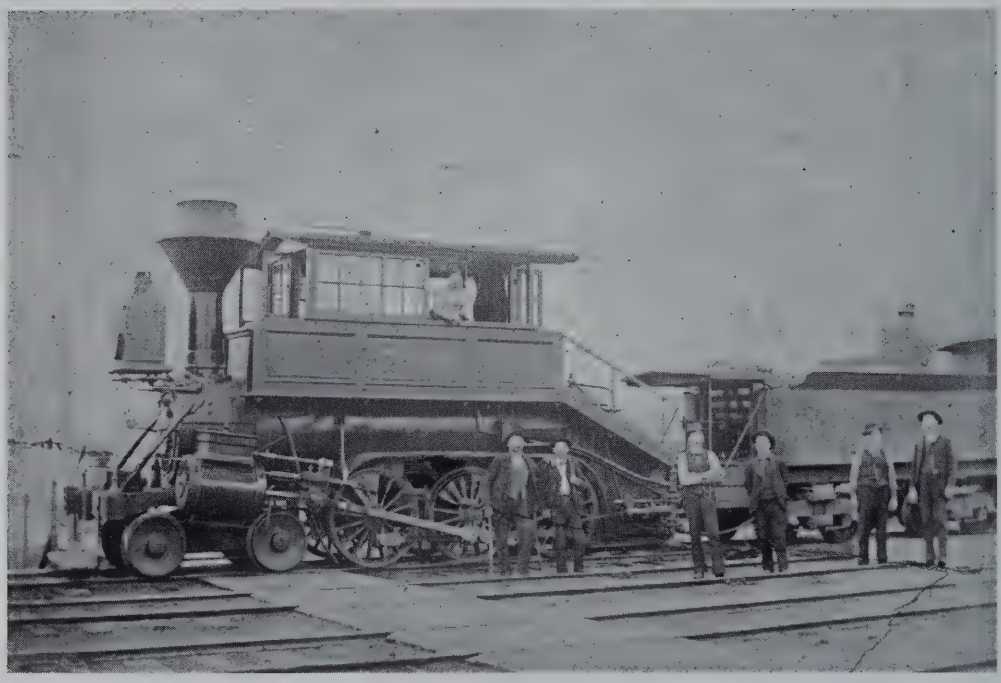
Horsepower driven corn shredder, around 1870 to 1880. They alternated teams by working and resting so the horses could keep going.

Far left: This Watson family lived in Stemets Addition, Auburn (east side of 427 near the railroad.)

Photo was taken at the log home of Frank and Susan Melton who are seated. Standing are left: Mary Amanda Maude Melton (grandmother of Mary Jo Wort) right is Bertha Melton Hefty (mother of Raymond Hefty).

Family portrait of Lulu, Obediah, Bryon, Lydia and Frank O. Leas, circa 1887.

Jackson Township Corner School built in 1886. Located on NE corner of CR 68 &27. Also known as Comeskey School.



The accompanying picture of Yard Engine 220 was taken on Randolph St., Garrett crossing in 1883. Jake Sobraskie, Fireman in cab, from left to right No. 1 J. Snitzer, Watchman, No. 2 unknown, No.3 C.H. Hopkins Engineer, No. 4 Jule Hit, Switchman, No.5 and 6 unknown.

These newlyweds have just moved into their post-marital home, the Adam and Amy (McCague) Husselman residence around 1885. The house is still standing today 2 miles north of Auburn on CR. 27.

Picture of Main Street in Auburn in the late 1800's.

St. Joe High School built in 1913.

Dinner given to benefit the Ashley Fire Department by the ladies of the town of Ashley. May be the first picture ever taken of the Fire Department as it was formed in 1895.

Ashley High School built in 1895.

The Waterloo Train Station on the west edge of Waterloo.

The Studebaker Wagon and Buggy Sales once located on the 200 block of east 7th Street, Auburn, where the present day jail parking lot is located. Circa 1890.

Feeding the Ducks at the Indian Runner Duck Farm at Auburn Junction in the late 1890's.

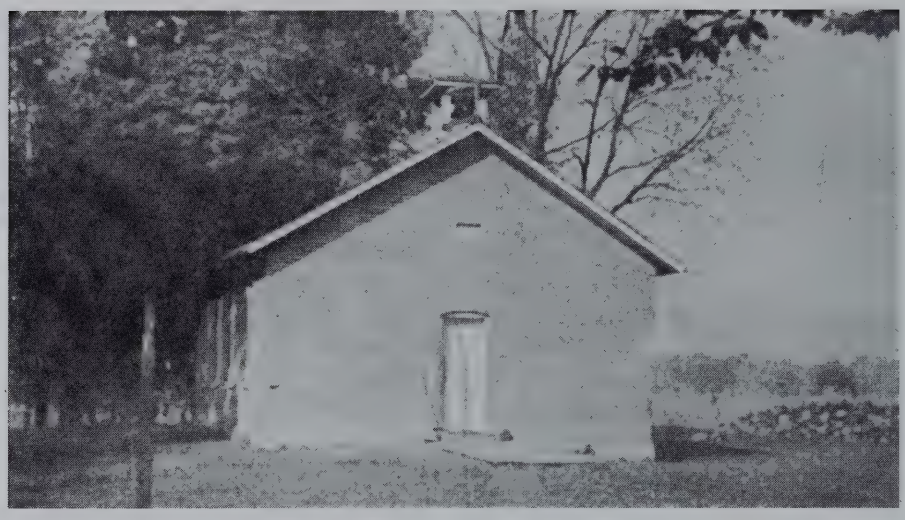
Auburn citizens organized the Auburn Carnival and Peace Jubilee held Sept. 7-9, 1898 at the end of the Spanish American War. The last fair held before then was 1892. Shown in the photo is the Peace Arch across Main Street.

Jerusalem School located on SE corner of SR 1& CR 12.

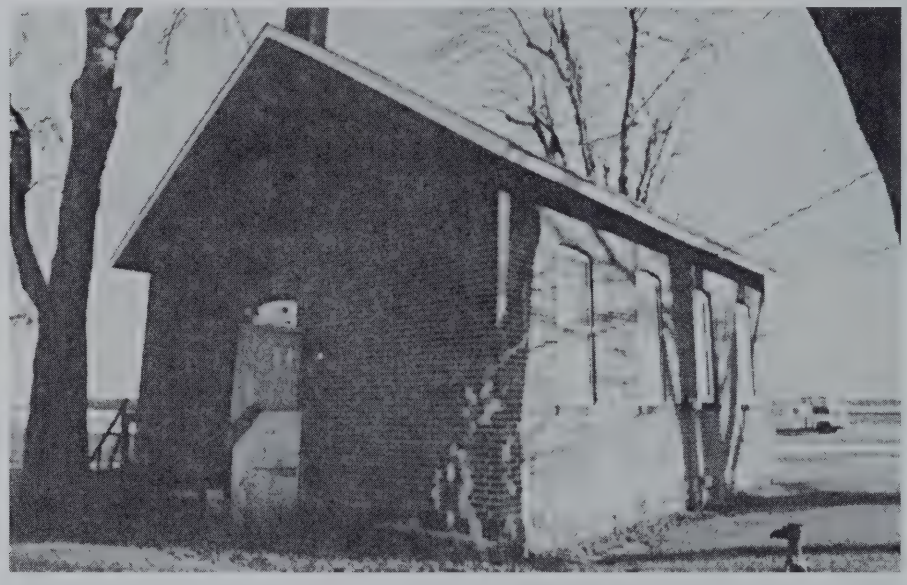
Spencerville School located on CR 68 west of CR 55 at the edge of town. This building still stands.

Franklin Township School #8, College Corner School, is located at the SE corner of CR 22 & 59.

St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett located at the corner of West Houston and Peters Street. Present site of grade school.



Cheesetown School built about 1918. SW corner of SR 101 & 60 A.



Rakestraw School in Keyser Township on CR 19 & SR 8. This building is still standing.

Bonnydell School in Franklin Township is located at CR 20 & 51 and is still standing.

Taken Sunday afternoon, March 12,1899 in the doorway of Webster & Van Fleit Dry Goods Store, later Stern Clothing Co., Garrett. (1947). Back-Ves McKennan, Thomas Byanski, W. Burch Hayes, Carl Heinzerling, John Blair, Chas Duck, Roy Spake, Art Parker, Robert Reyher, Roy Reyher, Earl Gates, Brad Spake, Harold Bordner, and Frank (Noodle) Tross.

This 1897 photo is of the Clark School of Smithfield township. Left to Right-First row Carl Skelley, Vesta (Stofer) Dornkector, Zema (Stofer) Chant, Ethel (Camp) Kirkland, Mary (Benjamin) Reinoehl, Mayme King Allomong, Loyd Myers, Earnest Myers, Russel Benjamin and Howard Stofer. Second row William Miller, William King, Ray Skelley, Elmer Skelley, Vern Myers, Florence (Miller) Sutherland, Riley V. King, Arthur Smalley, Chloe (Hamman) Getts, Glen L. Myers, Luther Miller, Third row, Herb Waterman (teacher) George Miller, Blanch (Fike) Moore, Myrtle (Thompson) Metzger, Irma (Benjamin) Treesh, Clark Myers and Carl Miller.

Mail delivery was done by horse and buggy. Circa 1890.

George and Nell Munn, located in 1300 Block of West Quincy Street, Altona. Sign on wall advertises Night Baseball.

Britton Reeder and wife Lucinda moving to a new location in Troy Township. Circa 1890.

Left to right- West side of Randolph St., Garrett, now city hall, site of John Lumm Tinshop. Ed Martin at hitch post, Geo Heinzerling standing, Conrad Lumm seated, C.H. Heinzerling, John Lumm, standing father Chas Lumm, Adam Koenlein (butcher) and Milt Landon.

In 1902 this Riverdale school building was damaged by a storm. Repairs were made and classes were held until 1911.

The interior of the first print shop in Garrett. Circa 1890's.

The Garrett Banking Co. building, later occupied by the American Legion. Seated is President Charles Walker Camp and standing is cashier W. H. Coffinberry.

A couple riding in a McIntyre Highwheeler, early 1900's.

Far left: George, Carl, Ilene and Geneva Johnson are enjoying a summer day on the front porch of Johnson's Boarding house in the village of Concord, circa 1906.

Grace M. (Clouse) Turner posing in her swimming suit in 1908. Photo was taken at the Schermerhorn's Photography, which was located on the corner of Jackson and 7th Streets, Auburn.

Early mail delivery with a Zimmerman automobile, early 1900's.

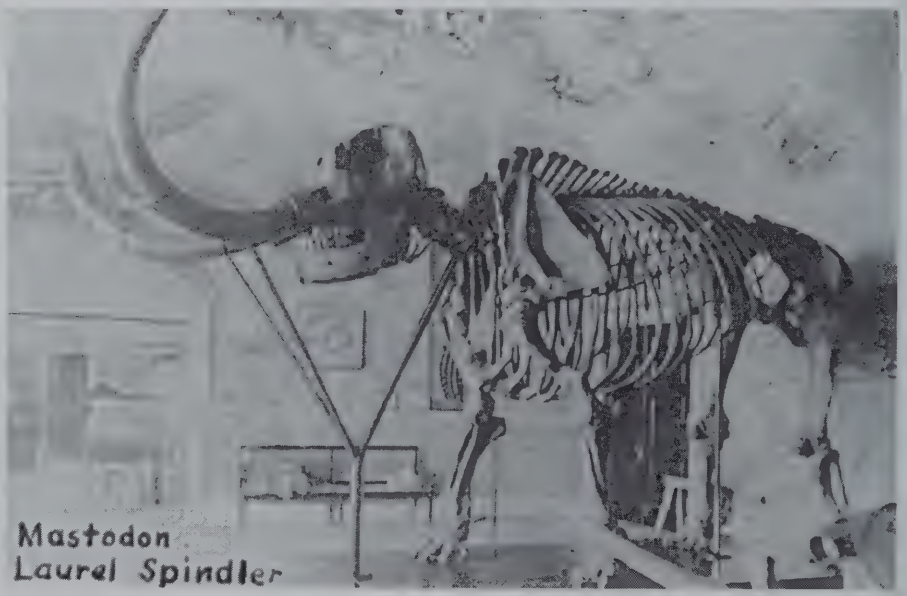
George Frank Cattell with his dog in a carriage pulled by two goats. House owned by Theodore Cattell, who also owned a Livery Stable (100 block North Ijams). Left to right-Blanche Cattell Husselman, Theodore and Lydia Cattell. Note openness behind house which still stands on corner of Lee and Dennis Streets, circa 1904.

Leas family at their home place, which is presently on the north side of Waterloo. Pictured are Verna, Reuah, Clara (Stomm), Frank Leas. Circa 1906.

Carnegie Library in Waterloo was built by J.P. Goodall of Auburn and was dedicated on January 26, 1914.

The Broughton hotel was bought by the Broughton family in 1905. It was originally called the DeKalb House and opened in 1876. It's food services were famous in three states. The white linen table clothes & napkins, fine china service, and sterling silver served people from all around. Circa 1910.

B&O Railroad Roundhouse is on the left and the shops are on the right. Circa very early 1900's, Garrett.



In 1888, Laurel Spindler, unearthed the remains of a Mastodon on his farm five miles west of Waterloo. The skeleton was on display at Carnegie Museum.

This is a photo of the typical display found at the DeKalb County Fair. This display was from the Lochner family. (Homestead Farms) circa 1907.

Women's Christian Temperence Union of DeKalb County, founded in the 1870's, placed this fountain on the Courthouse Square in the 1890's. When the present courthouse was built, the fountain was removed.

One elementary school operated by the Auburn system was DeSoto School, located on S. Baxter St. between 7th and 9th. It was torn down in 1963 and is the site of a park. DeSoto School was named for a town in Indiana that was the home of an identical school building.

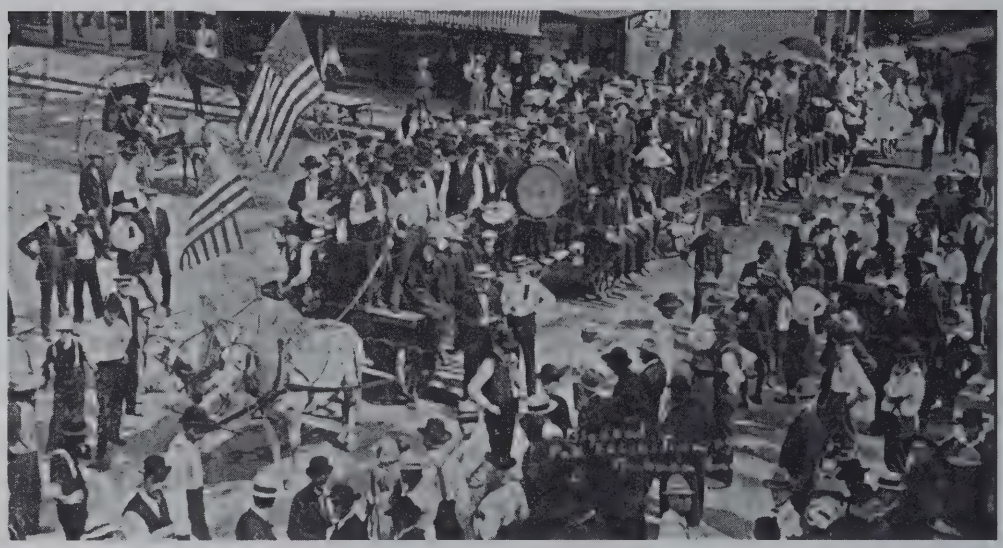
This is a picture of the Zion Church of The United Brethren before the turn of the century, located north of Artic.

St. Mary's Church was dedicated in 1884 by Bishop Joseph Dwenger. The frame was 30 feet by 40 feet with the cost being $3000. When this church, now the Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn, was built, it had a congregation nearly of 300 people.

The DeKalb Co. Infirmary, now called DeKalb Co. Farm Home (Sunny Meadows) on CR. 36A was completed in 1908.

Now gone, the Butler Public School building was located between Canal and Ash Streets. Originally built in 1870, it was remodeled in 1905 and in 1923, a separate High School and gymnasium were added. They were demolished in 1972.

Along the St. Joe River in Orangeville. The Orangeville Mill was destroyed by a fire in 1912.



Prize winner at the Fall Festival 1909 for the largest number brought in on one load by one team of horses. (182 people, 26,352 lbs.)

This is a photo of the 1909 Free Fall Fair Parade in Auburn. The first county fair was held in 1906.

Students at lunch in the Waterloo School park, 1906, located on Van Vleek Street where park is today.

Ilene and Carl Johnson are showing off their dad's (George) horses on the Johnson farm.

Above left: This is the homestead of K. Beth Drew's Great Grandfather built in the 1900's. In the photo is her grandmother, Ida Alice Benjamin and her son Marion. Beth's parents, Charley Reinoehl and Mary (Benjamin) Reinoehl moved in with Ida and took over the farming. The barn and house are still standing on the Auburn-Ashley road, now CR. 27, North of Cedar Lake Church.

The Palace Meat Market, Garrett, in 1907. Left to right- Susie Schiffli, unknown, unknown, unknown, Nate Hoeffel.

The original home of W. H. McIntyre located at 703 South Main Street, Auburn.

Photo of the Kiblinger Carriage Co., south east corner of Jackson and 8th Street, later known as the McIntyre Co. The Auburn City Hardware building is in the back of the picture, taken at the turn of the century.

Townspeople take a Sunday afternoon drive by the County Courthouse and jail in Auburn. Circa 1909.

Fred A. Thomas "owner" and also the minister for the Newville Church of Christ. Mr. Thomas kept a clean store. Reports say he did not allow foul language, smoking or tobacco chewing in the store. This store and home were photographed around 1909.

The B & O Limited #7 loading westbound passengers at Garrett. Picture taken around 1910.

Pictured is Roy D. Hart (25 year manager) with his horse Babe and a 1927 Dodge truck used to pickup milk from local farms. Building still stands on North Lee south of High Street in Garrett. Circa 1930.

Standing outside of the Garrett Hardware Store are Mr. Bloom, a girl, Harry Caffrey, Carl Heinzerling, Fatty Shaw and Silas Hathaway. Circa 1910.

Garrett Red Cross during WWI. Back Row: Florence Dobbrick, Marian Thrush Weathers, Marie Thrush, unknown. Middle Mary Doughten and Vera Strohm. Seated: Norma Harvey Crow, Pearl Dennison, and Elsie Rang. Circa 1918

Hardscrabble School located on CR. 12 between CR. 77 & 79, 1 mile north and 1/2 mile west of Artic. Circa 1910.

Bear Creek School in Jackson Township around 1915. First two rows unknown. Third Row: Alta Farver, Verna Warstler and Ruth Houghton. Fourth row: Elmer Colbert, George Strong and Lawrence Wagner. Teacher: unknown.

Concord Methodist Church 1915. Front Row: Carl Johnson, Paul Krise, Walter Morr, Carroll Sim, Lawrence, Wagner and George Strong. Row two of people Jessie Coonz (preacher's son) and Hattie Dragoo. Second Row: Charles Jackson, Eva (Watt) Clauser, Fern Pintz, Grace Pintz, Mattie Wason. Back Row: Ardon Morr, Laura Goings, Mildred Murphy, Della Goings, Beatrice Wilson, Larotte Funk, Gazell Baker and Earl Wyatt.

This picture of the St. Joe Fire Department was taken in 1914, Standing: Frank Kinsey, Roy Kinsey, Leond Sechler, Chris Sailer, Elza Kinsey, Elmer Hert, Ora Reese, Aud Harter. Sitting: Jack Sechler, Harry Shuff, Derwood Ridgway, Bert Jackson, Frank Meese, Jim Harter, Merritt (Polly) Barney, (Fire Chief) Henry Hathaway, Harry Kees, Hollis Dilley, and Charles Koch.

1917 west of Auburn Junction, gentleman are inspecting the interurban track. The left man is Gene Carper, George Carper is on right.

Phil Steffen sitting on the right on 3 cement blocks. Here workers are rebuilding the DeKalb Co. Courthouse after the 1913 fire.

Little's Jewelry Store December Silver Giveaway. Every year in December, Little's had a drawing to give away a chest of silver. (This was the first location of Little's, which later moved to 108 E. 7th St. Present day location of Carbaugh's). Circa December 1915.

Central School in Auburn was built in 1882 and torn down in 1930.

1919 Threshing wheat on the Albert Geier Farm, Jackson Twp.

Vern Wise operated this blacksmith shop a number of years prior to 1914. This is the building that later housed the IHC Dealer, Russell Shoemaker, and selling Farm Implements, S. Main St., Waterloo. Circa 1914.

The Riley School was on the NE corner of N. Van Buren and 1st street. The building was torn down in 1963. They made the area into a city park, Auburn.

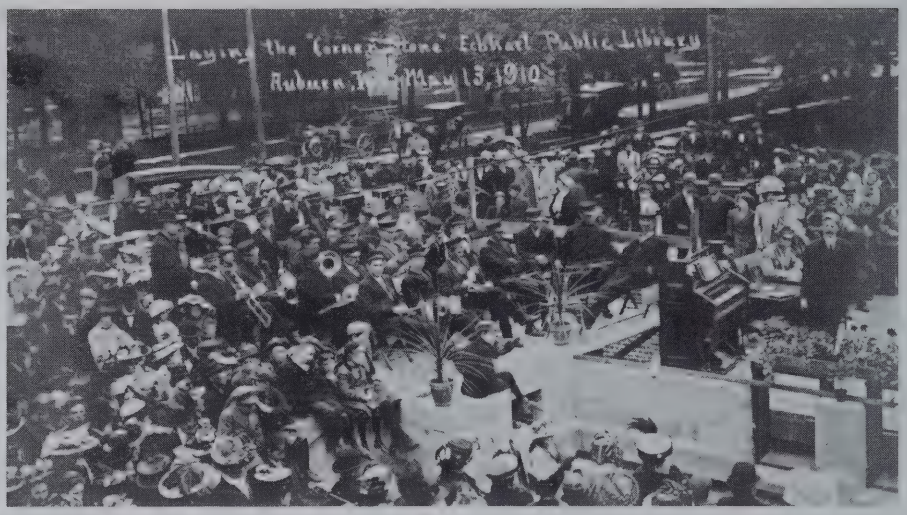
Lawrence Wagner, unknown, Martin and Inez Wagner. Their house is still standing on CR 45, 1/2 mile North of CR 60. Circa 1911 or 1912.

The deluxe home of John Hamman in Smithfield Township in 1911.

Tom (Ora E. Bohler) had a dray business in Waterloo. Circa 1910.

On the corner of Main and 2nd St., Auburn. The girl in the buggy is Nellie Culbertson, the only daughter of Hugh and Harriet Culbertson. Circa 1910.

L. J. (Lou) Beuret was the owner of Beuret Heating Company, which sold Auburn Furnaces, located in the 500 block of 7th Street in front of Rieke Corporation.



On May 13, 1910 celebrating the laying of the corner stone for the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn.

The Spencerville Mill was one of the earliest major mills in DeKalb Co., started in 1839 and finished in 1845 located south of CR 68. Circa 1910.

King Street looking west from Franklin Street, Garrett.

Earl Husselman takes a moment to walk along the dam attached to the historic St. Joe Mill. Circa 1915.

7th Street and Cedar Street looking west on 7th in downtown Auburn. Circa 1911.

Below: As the city of Garrett developed, the priest of Peter and Paul's Catholic Church decided there was a need for medical treatment. The hospital is located on the corner of Houston and Ijams Street. It was opened and operated by the Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart. The first expansion took place in 1902, again in 1918, doubling the capacity of the hospital.

Eckhart Public Library in Auburn. Cornerstone laid in 1910, dedicated January 1911, built through the generosity of Charles Eckhart for $140,000.

The old Academy of Newville was erected in 1854 and still stood in 1910.

Organized in 1875, the Methodist Church in Garrett is now located on the corner of Houston and Cowen Streets. The present building was erected in 1913. Circa 1910.

Waterloo Town Hall after the November 11, 1911 cyclone hit at 11 a.m.

A view on Broadway Street in Butler. Circa 1913.

The Petite Cafe/Speed King Oil across from the ACD Museum on South Main Street, Auburn.

Auburn Automobile Co. promotion featuring the new 1912 model Auburn Touring Cars. This promotion was entitled "Bargain Week".

Soldier monument in Auburn on the courthouse square. Circa 1912.

The Auburn YMCA opened in 1914, The building and equipment were a gift from Charles and Frank Eckhart. It included a dormitory, gymnasium, swimming pool, bowling alley and locker room. In 1921 it was one of the first YMCA's in the nation to open its doors to women. In the 1940's it was the center of social activities for youth, sponsoring dances, "Hi Y" and the "Teen Canteen." Until the late 1970's Auburn was the smallest community with a full facility YMCA in the United States. Today the YMCA operates two facilities serving all of DeKalb County with sports fields and a child care center.

The new County Court House in Auburn built in 1913.

Art Smith took people for rides in airplanes. Smith Field is named after him in Fort Wayne. Circa 1914.

Standing Willard Bloom and Charles Bloom. Seated Melba Bloom (Married Earl Butz) Children of Fred and Ada Belle (Green) Bloom. Lived on a farm near Waterloo. Circa 1908.

Far right: Daisy Perkins (Pairan) 13 years old, Elmer Perkins about five years old and Hazel Perkins (Getts), grandmother of Sheryl Prentice, Shirley Johnson, Donna Crow, Rex and Norman Perlich. Circa 1913.

Office of McIntyre MFG Co. This building eventually was the Rieke Factory. The man with the straw hat is "Jim" Casey. He was president of Gladiator Mfg. Co., a branch of McIntyre MFG Co. The Stenographer is Miss Easter Beuret, the other man not identified. Circa 1910.

Guy Miller in his World War I Uniform. Circa 1917.

Far right: St Joe Women's Basketball team clockwise from bottom left are: Emma Wineland, Avis Sechler, Ruth Perry, Flossie Sechler, Audrey Coburn, and Bernice Perry. Circa 1913.

Albert Geier farm putting up pork for the winter.

The County Line road when it was still a mud road in front of County Line Cheese Factory, south of Auburn.

During the 1920's, when sidewalks were being made in towns, you could find Henry Peckhart and his co-workers at work.

1920's Auburn coffee shop, behind the counter is Lura Thimler, owner. They offered a 35 cent plate lunch. The building was owned by the Fox family.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Clouse, owners of the Auto Repository driving an electric car, dressed in their 1922 attire.

On the Smurr property, east of Waterloo an early spring gathering of the motorcycle club. The man in the white shirt is Dewey Nodine. Next to the left is Jay Nodine.The motorcycle operator to the right is Silas Nodine. Smurr family on the porch. Circa 1925.

Delia Miller (Husselman) married Earl Husselman.

Below left: Lloyd Bassett's grandfather W. C. Callender on butchering day with Gay Hay, Fred Hay and Clyde Hay on the Ed Bassett farm on CR. 50 Auburn. Circa 1920.

Lloyd Bassett's grandfather W. C. Callender drying out his field corn.

An old International Grain Binder.

Indian Service Station, on the corner of Jackson and Ensley Ave. in Auburn.

Harry Bassett driving a Huskster Wagon and mules through the country on his route, selling goods around 1920.

To the left on the corner of 6th and Main was a grocery, to the right of that was Auburn Motor Cars, then the Jones Photographic Studio. Margaret and Kelso Davis purchased the Jones Studio in 1938. At that date to the left of it was Van Scoiks Restaurant and Loy's Furniture. Davis later moved to it's present location 210 S. Main St., Auburn.

St. Peter's Church and School in Garrett.

Town Hall in Waterloo around 1920.

St. Michael's Church. Located at the corner of CR 427 and CR 10, north of Waterloo. The new church was built in 1920, inside was completed in 1922.

Far right: Green Parrot Restaurant owned by Reuah Bixler was extremely popular, where the Zollner Pistons would frequently stop on their way to out of state games. Fried spring chicken was the dinner special. It was a bus stop location and near the railroad station in Waterloo. Circa 1950.

The front building was the headquarters for Zimmerman Manufacturing Co. making buggies. The building later housed Evans Truck and Axle Co.

The churches of Auburn. Upper right: Presbyterian Church. Upper left: Methodist E. Church. Lower left: Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lower right: Church of God.

The Garrett Public Library was completed in 1914, located at 107 W. Houston St. The design of the library pleased Carnegie Corporation so much that they asked for the plans to use in other towns.

Auburn Post Card Mfg. Company. Its main product was post cards which were very popular in the early 1900's. These cards are very collectible today.

Begun in 1877, Schaab and Brother Co. Merchantile continuously served the needs of Auburn and DeKalb County until 1975. It was located at 121 S. Main Street, the site of The Window Boutique today.

The Presbyterian Church located at the corner of 10th and Jackson Streets, Auburn. Built in 1876 and the bellfry was added in1884. The Manse was built in 1902 at the corner of 13th and Jackson St.

Wayne Street was the main road in Waterloo.

Located at the northeast corner of Cedar and 7th Streets for many years, the U.S. Postal Office, also was a stop for the Interurban line in Auburn.

A look at Broadway North from the Railroad in Butler.

Owner of the Fee Hotel, Alice Fee, standing outside her business establishment in Waterloo. Circa 1925.

Interurban connected Auburn, Garrett, Waterloo along with neighboring towns, est. 1902.

Interurban Station at Garrett. The power lines were built through the county in 1906 for the Interurban system. It would come from Ft. Wayne to Garrett, Auburn, Waterloo, Auburn, Garrett, Kendallville and back to Ft. Wayne.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Shops in Garrett around 1920's.

This train wreck occurred two miles east of Waterloo in the early 1920's.

H. C. Hoodelmier sold coal, coke and fuel oil on the Main, Ensley, Wayne curve in Auburn.

Cedar Lake Church photo in 1925.

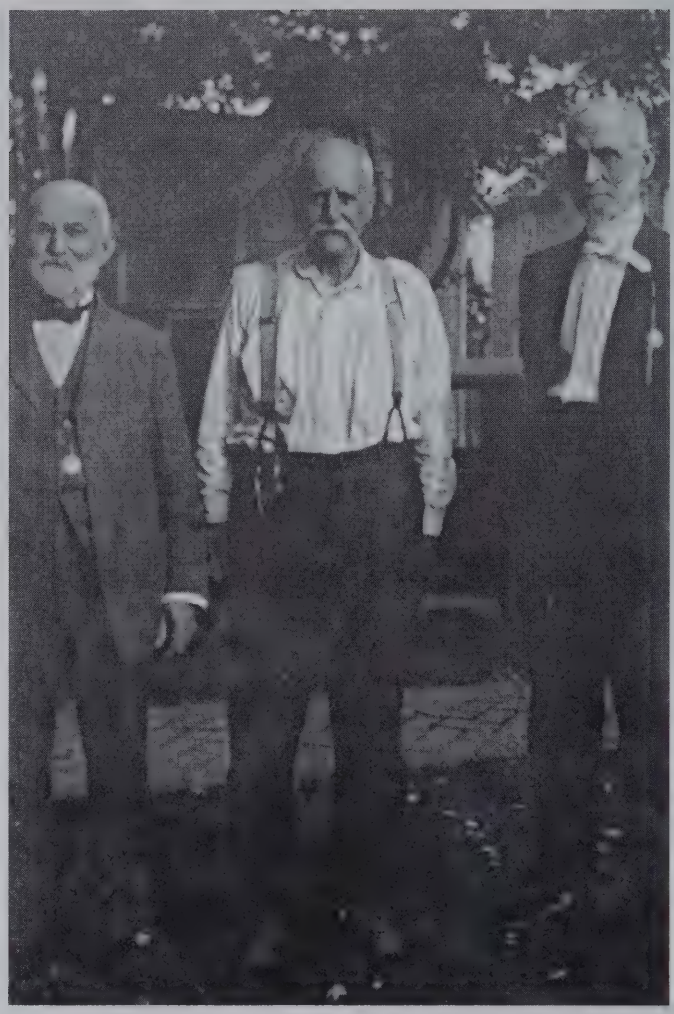
One of the first school buses in 1923. Marion Clark was the driver. Left to right: Clark and Don Forrest, Roy King, Wayne Miller, Glenn and Irene Forrest, Gene Reinoehl, unknown, Mildred King Myrtle King Casselman, Vi Forrest Reiter, Thelma Wise Shannon.

The county had a large number of small one room schools spread apart about every three or four miles. In 1920's, they started to haul kids, but high school students had to walk to attend high school.

Wilmington Center School near Butler 1924-25. Back Row: Randell Staley, Loren Yarlot, Gladys Weicht, Vera Yarlot, Virgil Hathaway (teacher), James Alwood, Ralph McCollough, Olen Wercht, and Wendell Lanning. Middle Row: Nina Bell Pence, M. Ginders, Richard Kinney, Wayne Yarlot, Thelma Kinney, Ruby Obendorf, Ruth Alwood, Florede Pence, Hilda Pence, and Howard Buttermore. Front Row: Millard Buttermore, Nelson Griffin, Earl Ginder, Howard Emme, Leo Weicht, Theron Imhoff, and Lester Weicht.

Creek Chub Bait Company, Garrett, Champion Casting Team at a Garrett Lake, July 1937. Left to right: J. Barnes, Clarence Lantz, J. Coffing, C.E. Crowl, C.H. Heinzerling, Howard Schulthess, Chas. Swarthout, unknown, Russell Rowe, Z. Haver

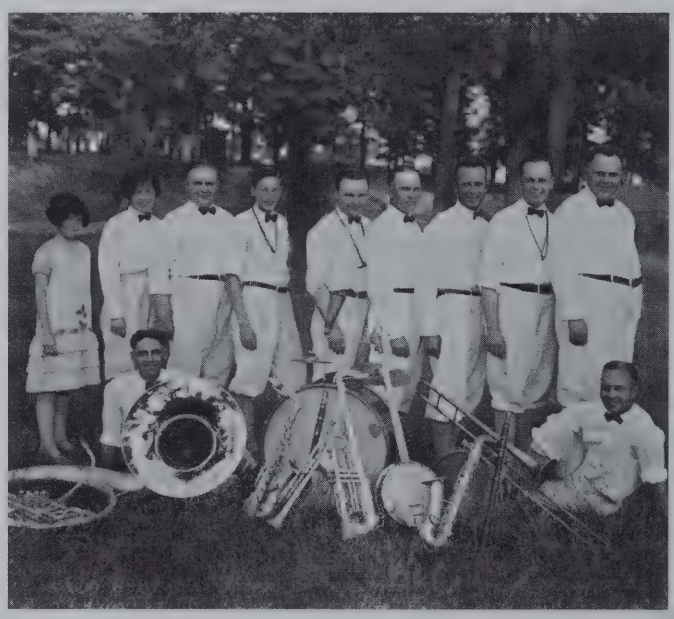
1924 Ridge School on the corner of CR 43 & 28. Back Row:Lester Sommerlott, Carroll Markel, Margurite Hamman, Edna Albright, Daisy Kelley, Wilbur Good, Waldo Crooks. Middle Row: Johnny Sommerlott, Allen Seltenright, Helen Kelley, Maxine Hughes, Edith Sommerlott, Lucille Friek, Marcille Albright, Gerald Good. Front Row: Vernon Nodine, Jim Johnson, Ansel Marckel.



Dr. S. M. Sherman first doctor in Garrett, Franklin Sembower, and Dr. J. F. Thomson another doctor in Garrett, October 2, 1922.

Below right: These DeKalb County residents did entertainment in surrounding areas. Left to right standing: Miss Abrahms-Dancer, Magel Abrahms-Piano, Jow Miser-Trumpet, Almon "Bud" Frick-Saxaphone & Clarinet, Isaac Broom-Banjo, Leland Croniger-Trombone, Abie Abrahms-Saxophone & Clarinet, and Lester Lowman-Tuba. Seated is Warren Harpster-Drums and -Franks-Trumpet. 1924-25

1920, Garrett High School Baseball team: Top Row: Joe Klein, Ben Lemback, Paul Olinger, Pat Moran (Harry). Second Row: Elan Freeze, Edward Barber, Russel Hubanke. Front Row: -DePew, Charles Bakers, -Harvey, Marlow Marilow.



Comeskey one room school in Jackson Township in 1938. Front row: Robert Freeman, James Ferguson, Ralph Carnahan, Harold Kruse, Wayne Surface, LaVern Freeman, Byron Ferguson. Middle row: Ila Freeman, Barbara Searfoss, Pat Griffin, Marcella Schlatter, Rose Marie Cook, June Rose Dosch, Lois Warner, Phyllis Warner, Phyllis Surface, Sally Emerick. Back row: Opal Carnahan, June Linton, Joy Linton, Joy Gerig, Carol Warner, Robert Nugen, Clifford Carnahan, Donald Waren and teacher Doris Stuck.

Rex and Clifford Homes, Irvin Watson Hilkert and Elroy Watson Zerns Watson renew friendship outside the DeKalb County Courthouse in 1932.

Hopewell School, Jackson Township, School year 1938-39. Front row: Jack Lochner, Paul Watson, Max Likens, Paul Tindell, Chalmer Beaty, Bob Kelley, Forrest Wappes, Keith Wagner, Gene Warstler. Second row: Harry Graber, John Kelley, Junior Gerig, Mary Batdorf, Amy Wagner, Mary Kelley, Ruth Kelley, Raymond Potts, Jerry Gerig, Dick Lochner, Mary Potts. Third row: Junior Bassett, Harry Scheefel, Meredith Davis, Juanita Mitchener, Thelma Gerig, Joann Mitchener, Betty Likens, Ed Graber, Merle Bassett. Top row: Jay Ziegler, Bill Brace, Harold Ryan, Bob Bishop, Argel Likens, Fred Tindell, Mrs. Zora Titler (teacher) Lillian Graber, Mary Scheefel.

December 1938 Accordion Band. Front row: Marilyn Haffner, George Mayfield, Florence Austraw. Second row: Matlie Main, Doris Ann Wilcox, Velma Fisher, Director Dorothy Wagner, Barbara Fox and Janet Engle. Third row: Fara Lee Pierson, Louise Covell, Robert Mueller, Margaret Hassett, Eloise Grogg, Winifred Snook and John Wagner. Fourth row: Florence Immel, Exie Hardy, Lucilla Panning, Jerry Muzzillo, Charles Ervin.

Students of the Shipe School, Fairfield Township 1932-33. Front row: June White, Paul Reinoehl, Mary Alice Brand, Sarah Jean Eldridge, Max White. Second row: Roy Neidig, James Getts, John Reinoehl, Harold High. Third Row: Wayne Allomong, Don Freed, Martha Krueger, Helen High, Olga Reinoehl. Back row: Violet Getts, Bob White, Daily Freed, Lucille Eldridge. Teacher Raymond Rensch.

Chopping Contest, Sept. 1931 in front of Heinzerling Hardware on North Randolph Street, Garrett, Sept. 17, 1931. Front row includes Hosie Lanigor, Harry Heinzerling, John Gordon and Ed Shutt with dog. Background includes Chief of Police Harry Caffery at right, Stanley Reinhart and Jimmy Kennedy. Back includes Frank Callahan, John Bloom, John Genda, Frank Lehmback, Charles Gentis, Kelham, Curley Ocker.

Altona, Indiana, School April 16, 1936. Front row: Everett Runion, unknown, Ralph Carper, Everett Bodey, Dick Januseski, Keith Strock, Kenneth Rommell, Robert Hall Row two: Earl DePew, Tony Runion, Robert Carper, Art DePew, Alexander Durwood Wilmot, Joe Carper. Row three: Betty Mason, Arlene Malcolm, Alma Hillegas, Betty Ross, Hilda Vaughn, Betty Miller, Opal Runion, Madge Traster, Amelia Anderson, Virginia Malcolm, Audrey Feagler, Maxine Bowman. Row 4: Mrs. Jay Olinger, teacher, Jay Olinger, Carl Mason, unknown, Adrian Runion, Maurice Royer, Murland Anderson, Edward Runion, Janitor Martin Rommel, teacher Forman. Row 5: Marguerette Anderson, Mary Jane Patterson, Ruth Baker, Unknown, Bernice Miller, Mary Ross, Joan Kelham.

November 1938 photo of the Hubbard Drug Company, located on the west side of Main Street, Auburn, between 7th and 6th Streets. Mr. Hubbard is on the far left side in the dark suit, next to him is DeKalb Co.Coroner Cal Hawkins and Murray Carpenter is in the gray coat.

Wilmington Center School near Butler 1922-23. Back Row: - Bonecutter, Ralph Staley (Teacher), Bernice Griffin, Helen Alwood, - Bonecutter, Leono Yarlot, Vera Yarlot, Eva Greenfield, Gladys Weicht. Third Row: unknown, unknown, Hilda Pence, Floreda Pence, Alice Jennings Blanch Obendorf, Millard Buttermore, Nelson Griffin, Theron Imhoff. Second Row: Dale Pence, James Alwood, Virgil Krontz, Kenneth Jennings, Carl Krontz, Elman Snyder, Loren Yarlot. Front Row: Howard Emme, Edwin Greenfield, Wendell Lanning, Lester Weicht, Cecil Greenfield, Odis Johnson, Olen Weicht, and Ralph McCollough.

Gordon and Retha Bloom (Ruger) model their new clothes from Sears and Roebuck in 1937. Many families shopped by mail order in those days.

George Boren farm north west of Auburn. George and his wife look over a flock of Barred Rocks raised on their brooder around 1937. The Northern Indiana Public Service Co., completed 18 miles of new lines to serve 78 subscribers, who now enjoy electric energy on their farms. The George Boren farm subscribed to the service on a minimum of $4 per month. When the service was promptly installed, boosting service payments to $8 per month. Appliances included radios, electric sweeper, washer, irons, toaster, refrigerator and electric brooder.

Charles Bloom, Claude Hanson and Jack Ruger cooking lard on the Charles Bloom farm on Co. Rd. 3, DeKalb Co.

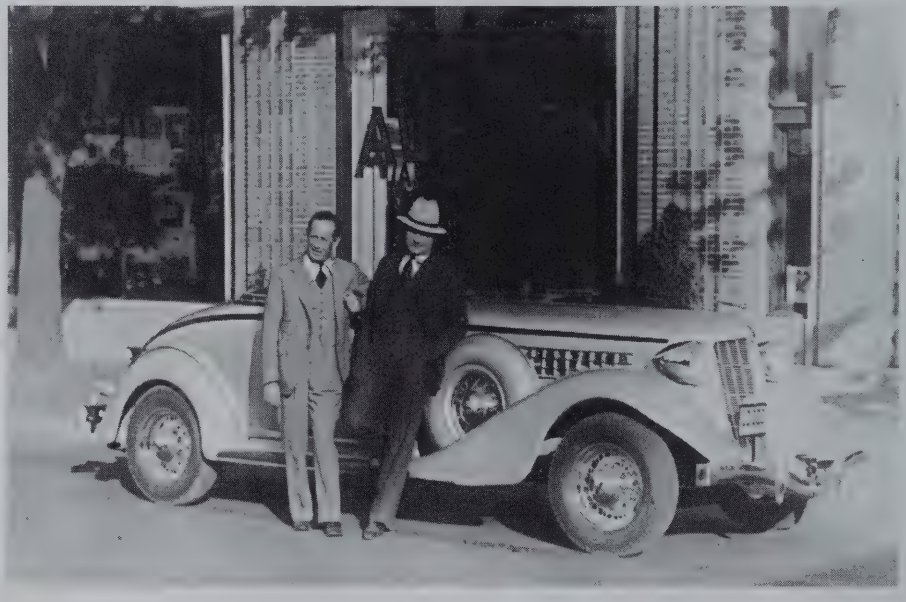
Above left: Frederick William Dosch (1859-1936) and his wife Fredrici (Reaky) Henrietta Kruse Dosch (1860-1933) on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 11, 1933.

Bruce E. Blair stands on the east side of Broadway in Butler, near the present day Butler Eatin' Haus Restaurant. Circa 1930.

The J. B. Garns Candy Company delivery van in the 1930's, Auburn.

Raymond Rensch was the teacher at the one room Shipe School located in Fairfield Township around 1932-33.

Far right: Golda Marie Rowe (Mills) holds her new shotgun in this 1938 photo. Golda, along with some of her brothers, were known for their hunting in northeastern Indiana. She was born in DeKalb County in 1911.

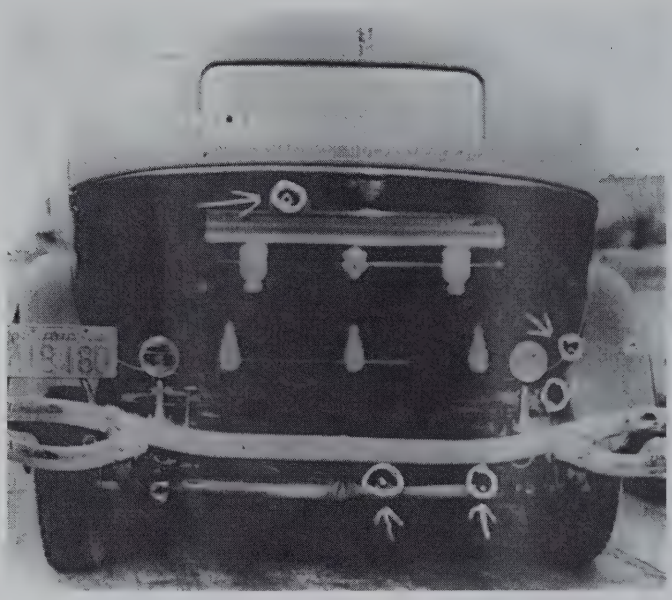


World automotive speed record holder Ab Jenkins (left) and Auburn Automobile Company President Roy Faulkner (right) pose with a new 1935 Auburn 851 Cabriolet at the national headquarters in Auburn in 1935. Jenkins tested cars in speed endurance runs on the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah and was an official spokesman for the Auburn Automobiles built from 1903-1936 in Auburn.

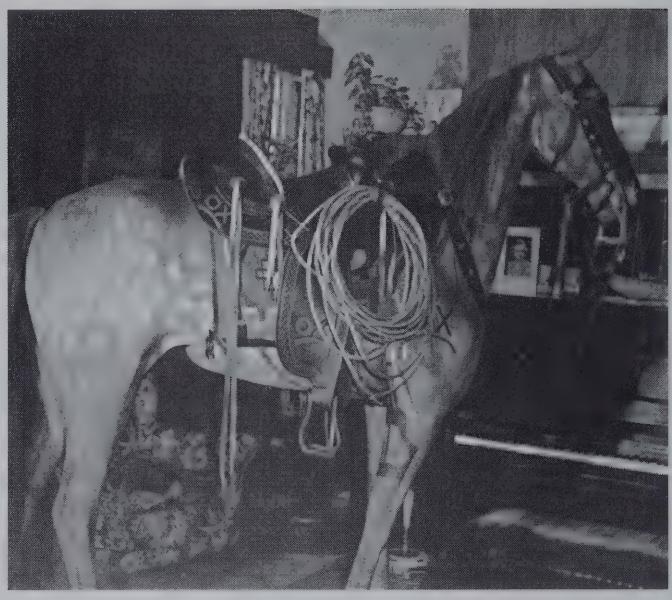
Estella Spindler stands outside Neidig School, Dist.6 in Fairfield Township, circa 1935.

Looking north on old 27 in Waterloo during bridge construction circa 1935.

1930's photo of Auburn High School just prior to McIntosh School. This is the north side of the building. It stood on the present site of the McKinney Harrison school today.



While driving, Ernest Husselman of Auburn was forced into a high speed chase and shot at by bandits in Chicago Heights about 12 times in 1931. This photo of his 1930 (or 1931) L-29 Cord shows where the bullets hit.



Above right: Life-size paper mache horse originally used as a harness display. Horse is presently owned by Sue (Husselman) Anderson and is on display at the NATMUS Museum, Auburn. The horse was placed in Irv Rieke's living room as a prank by employees of the early Rieke Corporation in Auburn. Circa 1930.

Middle right: Texaco filling station on Auburn-Ashley Road (now Indiana Ave.), near where the Christian Church is today. Olen Reynolds is pictured outside. Circa 1938.

Waterloo Public School, June 1938.

Downtown Garrett on Randolph Street, looking north from Keyser Street, circa 1934.

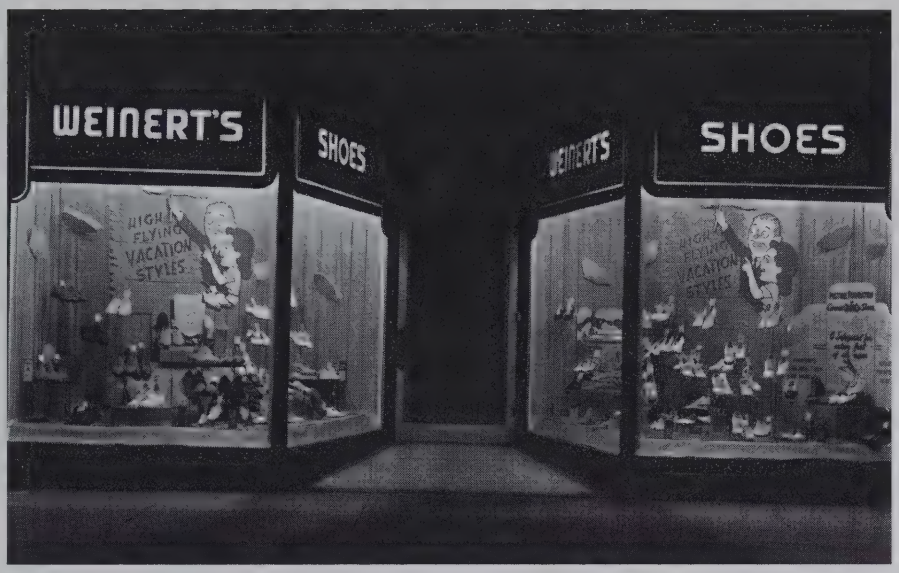
This 1939 photo taken at Christmas time by photographer Kelso Davis of the DeKalb County Courthouse, Auburn. Davis gave the photo to Peg Zehner to hang in the Northway Inn Restaurant, which she owned.

Blacksmith Shop located at 319 S. Randolph, Garrett. George Gelhausen is show in this 1930 photo.

Main section of buildings left to right: (Currently occupied by) Dept. of Water, Johnson Furniture, Nugen Interior, Unoccupied, Butler Eaten Haus, Movies & Munchies. Houses to the right of the photo are now a parking lot and Julie's pizza. Early 1900's.

Auburn Diner located between 7th and 8th St. on Cedar St. It was torn down and now is a little gazebo area.

Auburn Hotel on SW corner of Main and 9th St.



Weinert's Shoe Store once located in middle of block, between 7th and 8th St., on the west side of Auburn.

Dilgard & Cline Furniture Store, mid-block on 6th St. between Main and Jackson St in Auburn.

Mid-west Dairy on east 1st Street, Auburn.

Lockwood Filling Station now the Carpet Gallery located on NE corner of Main and Van Buren streets, Auburn.

Auburn Motor Sales in downtown Auburn.

Smith & Schenher Standard Service Station located on NE corner of 12th and Main, later remodeled into Petrol Pantry.

The Elson-Pfefferl Auto Service with a Bowling Alley above the station in Auburn. This building burned down in late 1943.

Soda Fountain in the Romeiser Drug Store on corner of 7th and Main, Auburn.

Interior of the Auburn Hardware still located on SW corner of Main and 8th St.

Middle right: 1940-41 YMCA State Basketball Champs. Front Row: Bob Hursh, Gene Reinhold, Jack Phelps, Frank Gingrich, Larry Wible, and Raymond Scott. Back Row: Harold Snyder, Adrian Mavis, Bob South, Dave Rodecap and Gordon Noffsinger.

Bog Island School Union Township. Front Row: Margaret Smurr, Bob Baker, Don Walters, Lanita Stuckey, Wayne Heffley, Junior Dixon, Claude Payton, Francis Dulle, Maurice Grogg and Maurice Houser. Middle Row: Billy Freeman, Marion Pomeroy, Darlene Dixon, Linford Houser, Leland Stump, Bob Watlers, Glenn Fike, Gerald Goings, Richard Clouse and Mack Pomeroy. Top Row: Dorothy Walters, Francis Pomeroy, Donald Pomeroy, Leland Spear, Betty Dixon, Carol Heffley, Donna Heffley and Johanna Dulle.

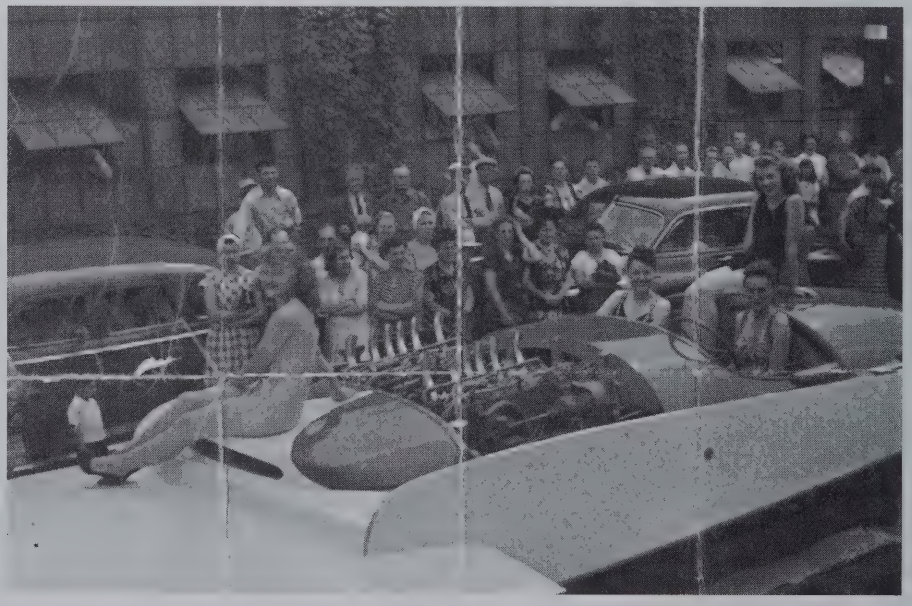
Group photo of member of the Auburn Legion Basketball team 1946-47. Front Row:Bob Mertz, Jim Carr, Gus Keller, Bob Badde, Max Smolinske. Back Row: Ray Steward, Ray Quance, Ronald "Potts" Pfister, Leon Hess, Stretch McKenzie, and Alva Grogg.

This group played at churches and for various other organizations. They took lessons from a Fort Wayne instructor once a week in the old American Legion building. They gave a recital once a year at the court house. Members are Front: Mrs. James Farver, Leonard Clark, Opal Oneal. Back: LeRoy Cool, James Farver and Dorothy Clark.

Department Recognition of Auburn Rubber Workers. Left to right-Front Row: Unknown, Viva Link, Cleo Brandon, Frances Bickel, Hilda Batdorf, Betty Popplie, Forman Cy McNabb. Back Row:Unknown, Thelma Ramsey, unknown, Cleo Dicks, Mary Thomas, Elsie Dawson, unknown, unknown, Dorothy Kail, Josephine Johnson, unknown, unknown, Mary Cascorilla.

Area residents gather for an outing. Left to right: Grace Turner, E. E. Turner, Albert Habig, Eugenia Habig, Rox Farrington and Maude Farrington.

This group from Waterloo spent winters in Hustus, Flordia, called themselves the "Finny Club". They posed in front of the Waterloo Library.



In front of the Evening Star office during a parade in the 1940's.

Sophomore class of 1950 St. Joe High School, Front row: Betty Sipe, Joyce Woodcox, Phyllis Surfus, Lora Reas, Anita McMaken, Joan Curie and Berdetta Burns. Second row: Maurice Houser, Audrey Trenary, Paula Harts, Barbara Harris, Amy Wagner and Sybilla Klink. Back row: Munson Baughman, Jack Kees, John Keesler, Bub Richmond, Ben Kraft and Roger Inlow.

City Council meeting 1942, Left to right: Kelso Davis, Roll Pearse, Hugh Sauders, Leland Miner, Lody Potter, Forest Potter, John Brown and Lawten Feagler.

Garrett Fire Department with new 1949 La France Fire Truck (cost $42,000) Front Row: Nate Hoeffel, Charley Lantz, Charley Lumm, Bill Moses, Harris Hoeffel, Louie Byanski. Back Row: Henry Moses, Lester Smurr, Vic Carper, Dr. Perry Reynolds, Daryl Dalyrimple, Don Zerns, Cliff Moses, Clarence Lantz and Barney Sithen.

During World War II, townspeople collect scrap metal. Included in the photo is Walter M. Kail, Marilyn J. Kail, Betty Valliew, W. Weathers, W.M. McClearly, and Frank Bassett.

George William Rudolph and Emma Elizabeth Homsher Rudolph celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1942 in Butler Township.

Far right: Gordon Bloom and Retha Bloom (Ruger) wait on the school bus to go to St. John's School in Butler Township in 1946.

Harry Dean used to work for Little's as a radio repairman. In addition to jewelry repair, Little performed various other types of repair work.

Just starting with State Farm, Jan 1, 1952, working out of his home, Raymond Hefty holding James, left and Joyce, right.

Francis Close worked for the DeKalb County Highway for many years. He operated The Adams Motor Grader. He helped with the construction of many of the gravel and black top roads in DeKalb County. Sept. 1959

One of the buggies used in the Waterloo Centennial Celebration parade, July 1956.

R. P. Wakefield Co. Inc. in Waterloo manufactured wood moldings, circa 1958.

Above right: Romeiser Drug Store on the corner of 7th and main street, Auburn. Presently Big Red Sports Store 1950's.

Shell Oil Co. on NW corner of Williams and Wayne Streets, north of Pizza King, Auburn circa 1957.

City Market and Auburn Federal Savings were located on the northeast corner of Jackson and 7th St. in the 50's. This is the present site of DeKalb Financial.

The Silver Screen Theater in the early 1940's on Randolph St. in Garrett. The theater was built and furnished in 24 weeks. It was one of the first buildings to install air conditioning in downtown Garrett. First named "Kala", then the Gala until 1981.

Will Franks School, later 1950's, originally Garrett High School on Houston St.

New aircraft in 1950 at the Old Auburn Airport south of town on County Rd. 60.

Main Street looking north in Waterloo 1930's.

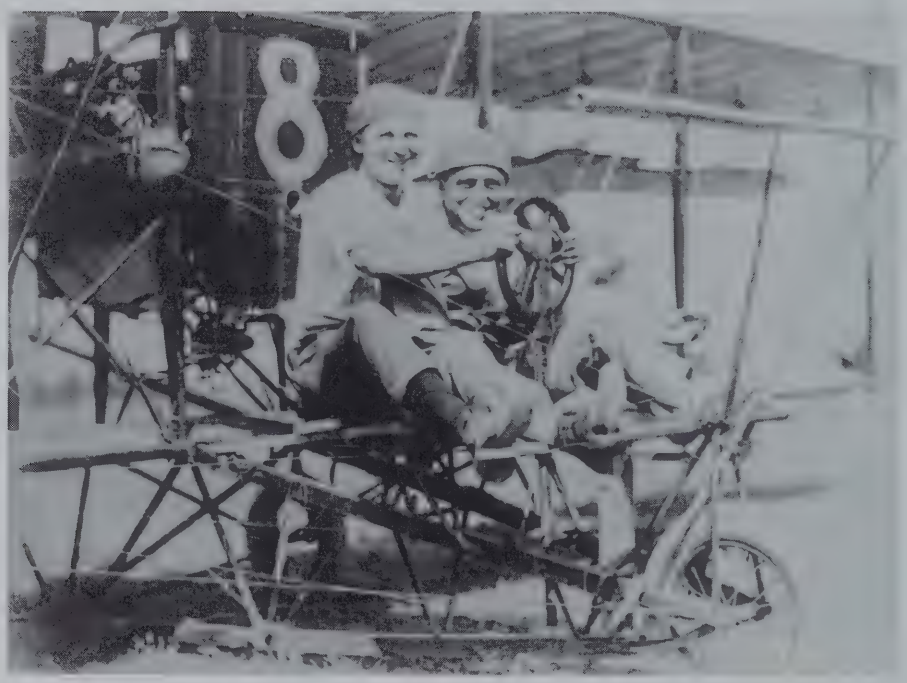
The Auburn Hatchery on the southwest corner of 9th and Cedar Street in the early 50's.

Local ladies dress in period costumes in the food tent at the Waterloo Centennial 1956.

U.S. Postal Employees, Left to right: Row one-Gerald Myers, Robert Morr, Elmer Minard, Wayne Beuret, James Cool, Bill Scott. Row two-Lenna Wilson, Ray Thomas, John Ludwig, Charlie Krise, Spencer Wigent, Ray Davis, Don Sprott, Van Showers, Emory Miller. Row three-Harry Garmon, Wallace Hursh, Jacob Saltzman, Stanley Thomas, Maynard Timbrook, Verle Webb, Paul Cosper, Earl Summers, Ralph Rugman, Eddie Picker and Howard Smith.

Reuah Bixler and Lorna Dove are getting started for a big day at the Waterloo School cafeteria.

The Newville ferry at the turn of the century.



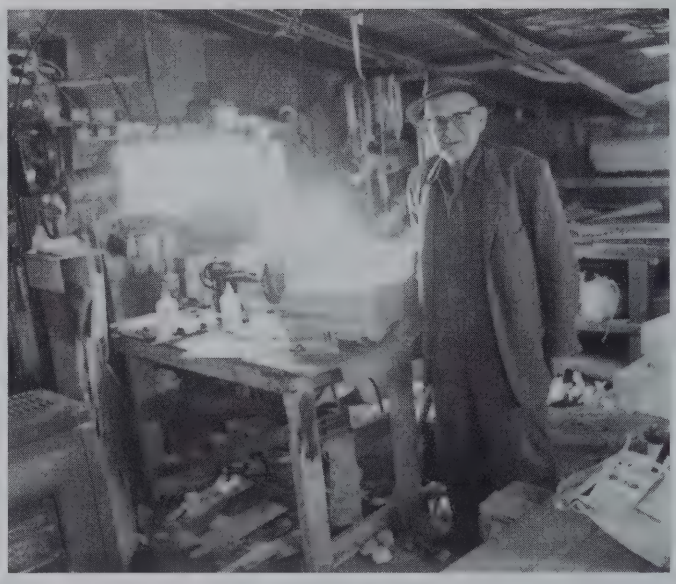
"Big Wild Bill" Fitzsimmons (front) in one of his early planes. He was very interested in automobiles, motorcycles and airplanes. He learned to drive when he was just 14 and he gave plane lessons which cost $35.

In the 1920's, building a road was hard work. Clarence "Jim" Keller is the man on the road grader in the left forefront. His crew from Butler is pictured here building a road near Larwell, IN.

The Orbits rock-n-roll band from Auburn High School were popular in the 1960's. They played at local dances and blackouts. Left to right are Stan Tague, Beecher Hines, Tom Chenowith, and Dave Goodwin.

This is a picture of the inside of the Auburn Bakery. Owner, Izzy, stands behind the counter holding a cake.

The original show choir from DeKalb High School known as Conglomation pose for a picture.



John Peckhart was the former upholsterer for Auburn Automotive. This is a photo of him in his shop.

Greenhurst Country Club located on North Main Street in Auburn was built on the former Mott Farm in the 1920's by Auburn Businessmen. This is a photo of the new clubhouse in 1974 which burnt and was replaced in the 1990's.

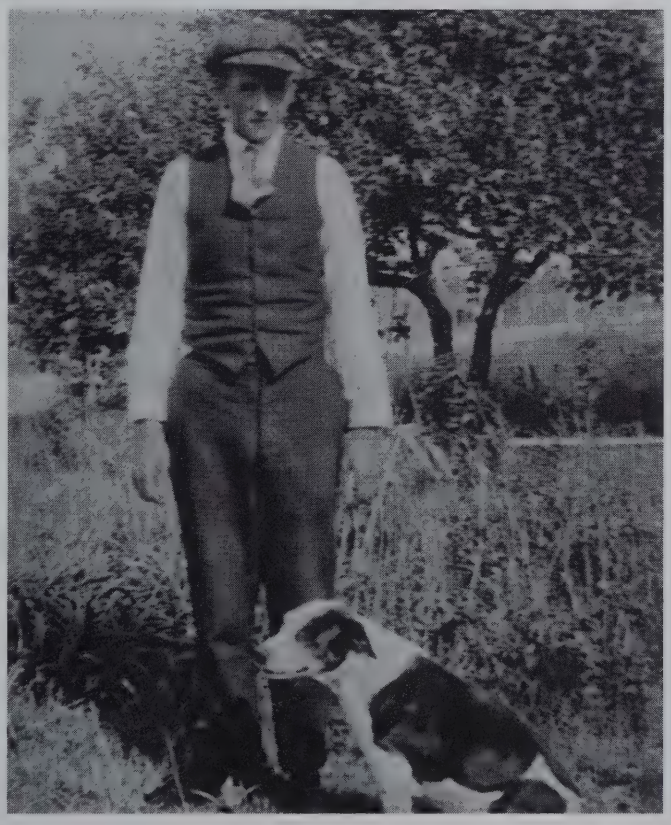
Below right: The original Brush College Quartet in 1974. Back left to right are Larry McKown, Dick McKown, Jim Grimm and front Tom McKown.

Martha Falka ran the popcorn stand in downtown Auburn since 1941. She was known for her buttery popcorn and friendly conversations. This photo was taken in 1975.

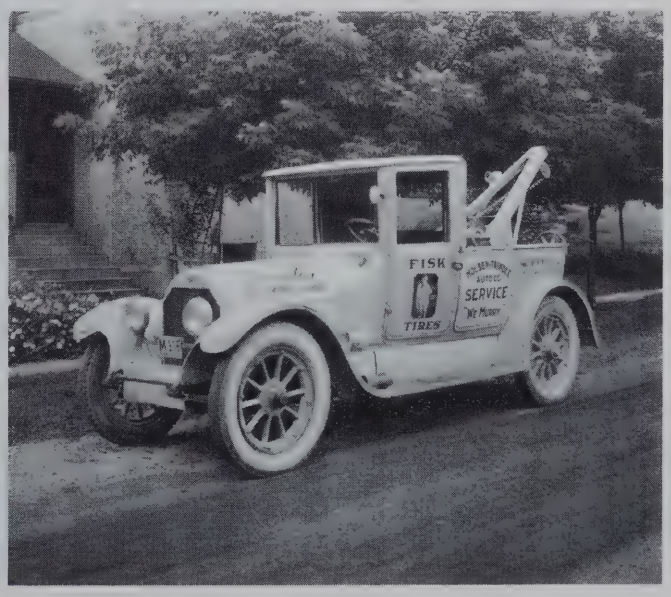
A 1965 view of Rohm Chevrolet located on the corner of 6th and Main in downtown Auburn.

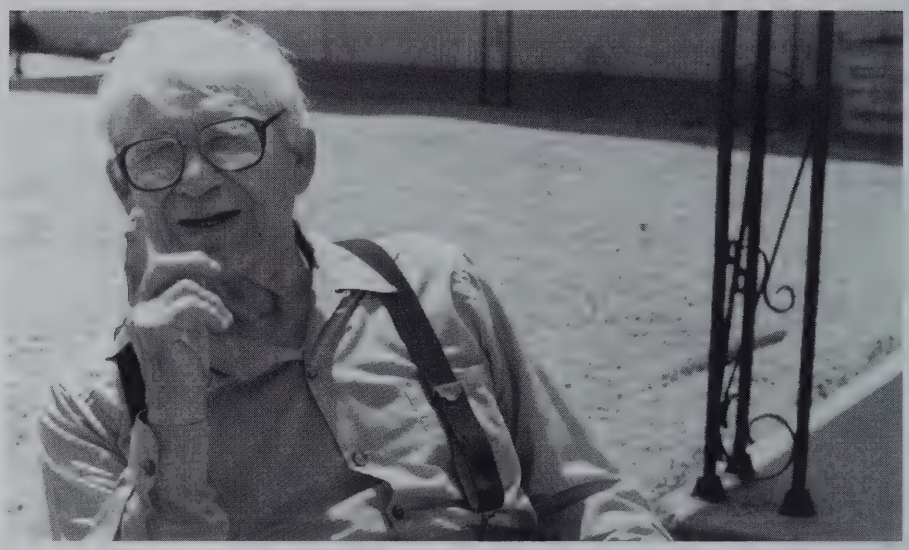
Center left: The inside of the Silver Moon Skating Rink.

Below left: 1920, Harold Pierson (Mike) on his birthday with his dog.



A Holben-Trindle Auto Company Tow Truck in 1925.





Rollie Muhn stuccoed many houses in Auburn between 1930-1960. He was also known to many in Auburn as Santa Claus.

A picture of Mr. Dragoo with his Morning Glories in 1939.

This photo is the Electric Water Works building in 1941 that still stands on Wayne St. in Auburn.

School children await the bikeway from Auburn to Waterloo to be finished in 1976.

A community improvement project of the Auburn Rotary Club in 1979 was the construction of an exercise trail in and around Eckhart Park. Among the first to use the new trail at its grand opening were, standing left to right, Jim Kroemer, Greg Smaltz and G. Edwards, and seated, Joy Kroemer and Dr. Robert Edwards.

Two women look around at a garage sale in 1979.

The old Log Cabin was covered under vines in 1979.

A look at a classroom at Harrison school, Auburn, in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Wildeson on C.R. 17 with their rabbits in 1979.

Far right: C. Wayne Anderson was the owner of the Auburn Nursery when this picture was taken in 1979.

A&W Rootbeer stand was a popular drive-in restaurant located just south of the railroad tracks on 427 south of Auburn. It featured car hops and frosty root beer.

The Tatham Ford Garage in Waterloo, 1960.

Reinoehl family early 1960's from left to right: Charley Reinoehl, Maude (Reinoehl) Snyder, Melvin Reinoehl, Cora (Reinoehl) Perkins, Sylvanius Reinoehl.

Built in 1892, the Franklin Center School was a one room school used until 1959.

The Indiana Bell Telephone Company that is now Ameritech is under construction on 7th St., west of Van Buren St., Auburn, in July 1960.

Carl Miller, a familiar face to local farmers, delivered gasoline, oil and kerosene for the DeKalb County Farm Bureau for many years. In this photo Miller is making a delivery to the Pepple farm. Circa 1960

Hogue School and coal shed found at the corner of CR 60 and CR 3 in Butler Township, 1979.

1974 Democratic State Convention election table. Seated are Tim Mason, Ron Feller, Vic Timmerman, and Reuah Davis.

Kelso Davis taking yearbook activity pictures by the bleachers at DeKalb High School baseball field.

The Jerusalem Community Church was built in 1886 at a cost of $1450.32, plus $225.00 for church furniture and chairs. The church started as an United Brethren, then Evangelical United Brethren, and in 1968 it changed to United Methodist. Presently, it is a nondenominational church.

Mme. Schuman Heink's Choice was the 40 horsepower Auburn Special.

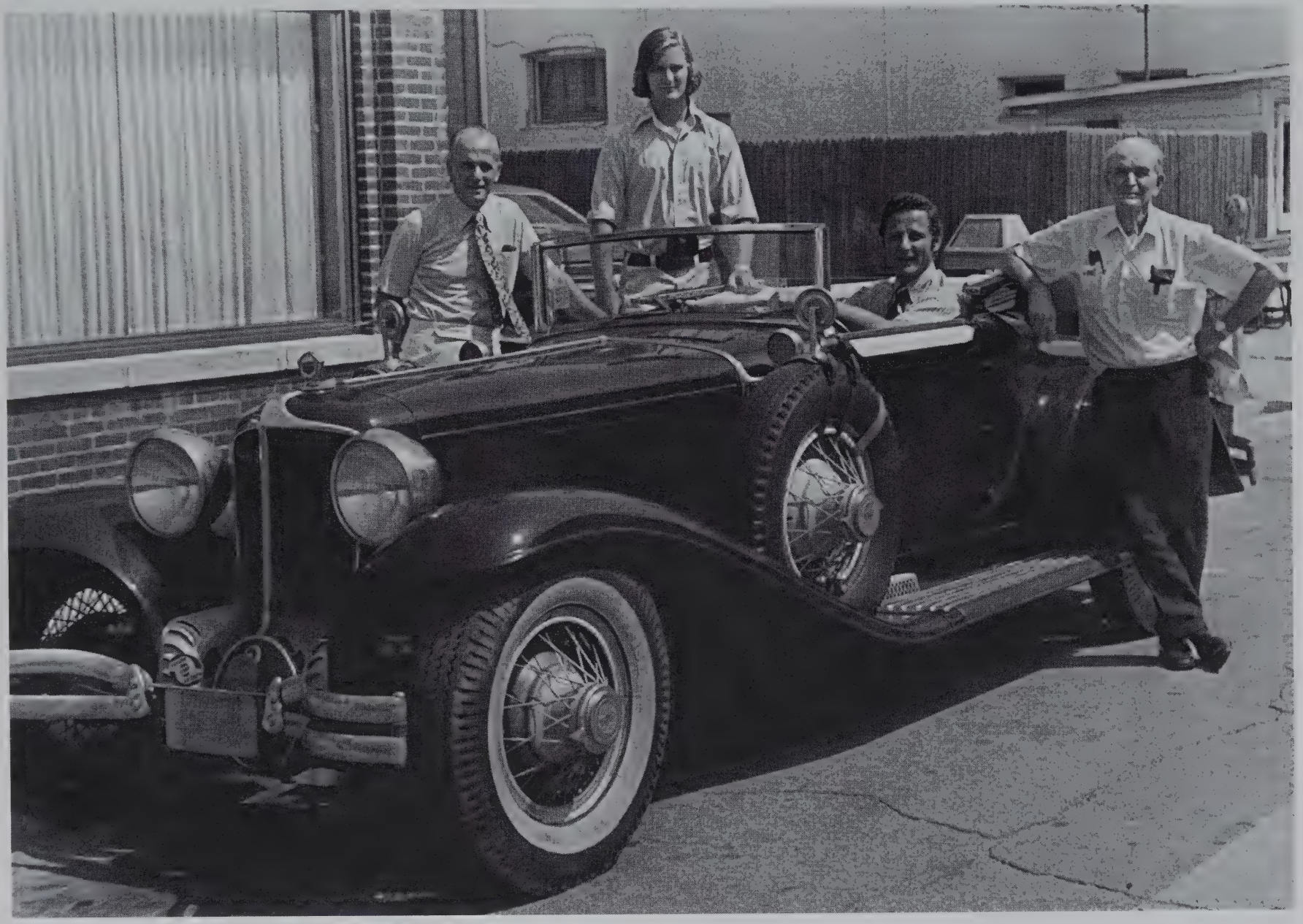
Queen Ama and the Cowboy, J.T. Nichols Amusement Co., Auburn.

Riser farm around 1910. Dave Riser is in the car with his mother. Mrs. Jennings is in the back seat.

Earl Chapman of Waterloo helped haul the corner stone for the DeKalb County Courthouse in 1911.

The Spencerville Red Raiders, front left to right: Raymond "Sonny" Hook, Lynn Lake, Glen Akey, Blaine "Whimpy" Kimes, Harry Sheefel. Back: Forrest "Porky" Resor, Norman "Buck" Ritenour, Coach Mr. Everett Paschen, Marion Baker, Paul Howe, and Richard Miller.

In front of the Pierson Homestead in Franklin Township, is a 1925 family portrait of early residents of DeKalb Co. Left to right are Maria Lucinda (Pierson) Stout, Sarah Ellen Peirson, Hilda Cherry, Arthur Stout, Edna Stout, Hubert Stout, Richard Cherry on the steps and the baby is Margie Cherry.



Auburn Mayor, Jack Sanders (left) poses in front of the Evening Star office with future Indiana Governor, Evan Bayh and Senator Birch Bayh (behind wheel of L-29 Cord). Car owner Henry Fike, (right) brought his car from Corunna and granted Senator Bayh's wish to take it for a cruise through town.

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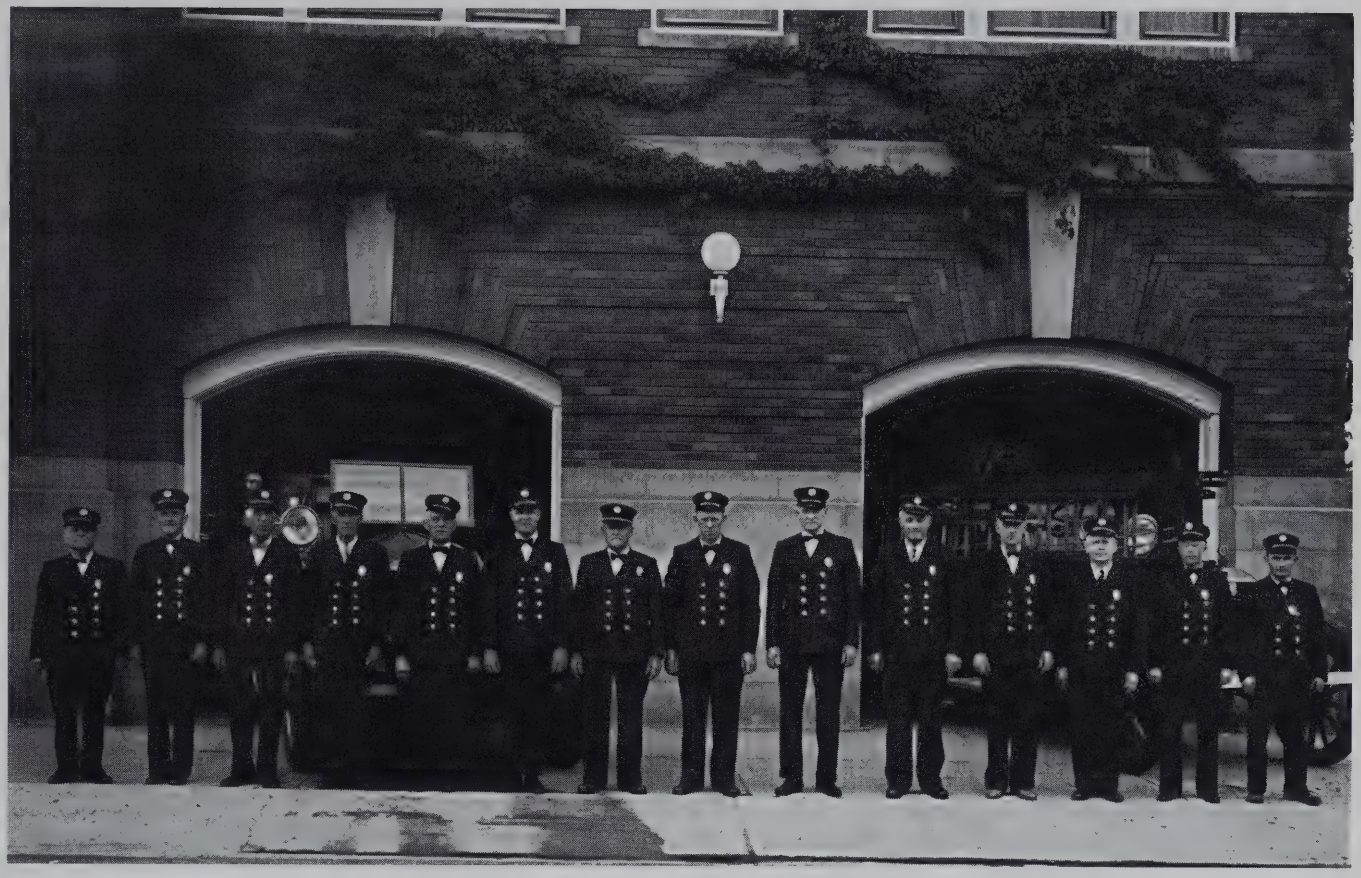

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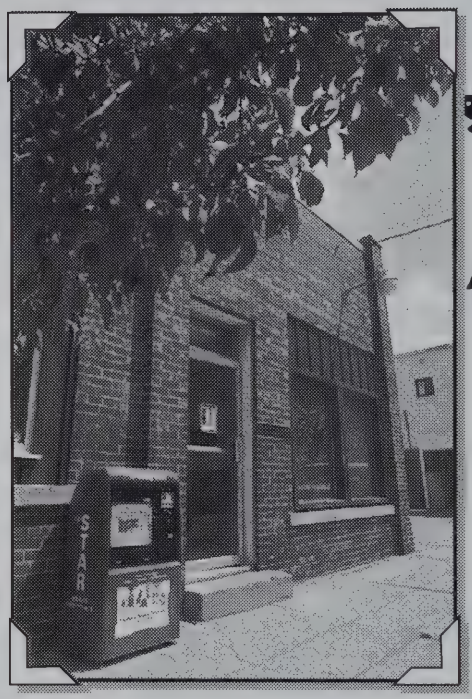

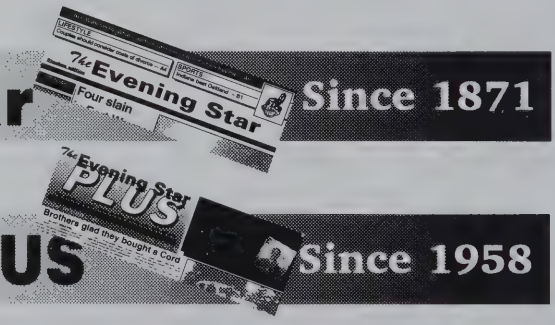

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